

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration and entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 6 are allowed.

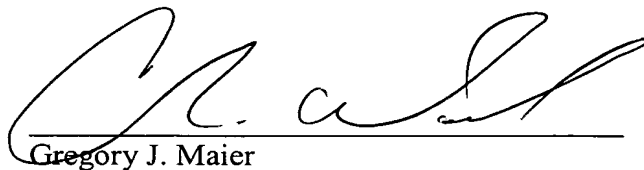
A Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification was mailed on February 7, 2007. The Notice indicated that Figure 3 contained in the drawings was not listed in the Brief Descriptions of the Drawings in the specification.

In response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification, the specification is amended to recite that "Fig. 3 is a schematic sectional view of the manipulating head assembly of the endoscope, taken through a grip cover section of the casing." This amendment finds support at least at lines 6-8 of page 13 of the specification as originally filed. No new matter is involved and no new issues are believed to be raised.

In view of the prior indication of allowability, no further issues are outstanding, and entry of the present amendment is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested so that the patent which issues from this application includes the presently submitted changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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